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LASER IRRADIATION METHOD,
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD
OF MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

The family of U.S. 5,561,081 cited herein includes:

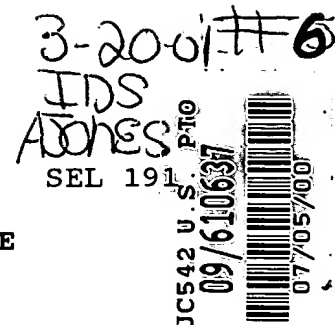
U.S. Patent Application No. 08/967,317 (pending)

The family of U.S. 5,897,799 cited herein includes:

U.S. Patent No. 6,002,101
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The family of U.S. 6,038,075 cited herein includes:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/481,717 (pending)

The family of U.S. 5,959,779 cited herein includes:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/360,185 (pendin^g)

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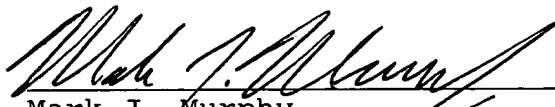
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Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of those documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

A first office action, notice of allowance or issue fee notification has not been received in this case, so Applicant does not believe that a fee is due. However, if any such fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

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